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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF TROY, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

1885.

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REPORT OF
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the citizens of Troy:

The amount of money appropriated for the support of schools the past year was $1200. The amount raised by tax $1075, literary fund $99.68, received from other sources $25.32. The amount appropriated to each district can be learned by consulting Selectmen's report.

Number of scholars attending school two weeks or more, as per the following statement, 163. Amount of money to each scholar, $7.36.

The total number of weeks of school was 131.6. Average number of weeks to each school, 21.9.

Number of visits by parents and citizens 245, by others 41.

Number of visits by Prudential Committee 11, by Superintending Committee 28.

The condition of the schools has been very good, and I think they have maintained their former good standing.

With but one exception, the teachers and pupils have worked in unison and harmony.

The teachers have all appeared interested in their work, and have labored with commendable zeal and faithfulness. Nearly all attained a good degree of success; some did excellently. Failure in schools may be due, on the part of teachers, to a lack of faculty to maintain proper discipline, or to inspire the pupils with interest for their studies.

But all failures are not due to the inability of the teacher. Parents and others very often make remarks before the pupils about the teacher's conduct, both in and out of the school room, and about the way the school is managed, which begets

a prejudice on the part of the scholars and destroys any teacher's power for doing good.

It is the opinion of your Committee that more good can be done by calling attention to excellencies; and when faults are found, by pointing them out to the teacher privately, instead of discoursing upon them publicly to the pupils, and saying nothing to the teachers.

When teachers and pupils know what things are for the best of the school, they will aim at those things.

Inexperienced workmen are not expected to accomplish that which they will after practice, no matter how well qualified they may be in theory; and it is not always just to censure teachers upon the testimony of others, and especially upon that of the children, who often color largely to suit their passing mood. Every parent should visit the school room and form their own judgment from their own observation.

In this way each can see whether good and proper discipline is maintained, and can learn of the advancement made.

By thus doing your own knowledge will be refreshed, and augmented; you will become interested, and therefore will interest and benefit your children, and will acquire an influence over them that will exist when they are no longer boys and girls, which will amply compensate for all your effort and painstaking.

From the list of 245 visits as recorded made by parents and citizens, but fifty are the names of parents; some of them we see recorded nearly every term; others but seldom; and there are many whose names have never been recorded.

To receive the greatest possible benefit from the amount of money appropriated there should be, on the part of the scholar, prompt and constant attendance, with short lessons well learned. Taking no account of the tardy and dismissed, the registers report absences equal to 901.72 whole days—a term of 180.3 weeks for one scholar, or 18 weeks for ten.

Who is responsible for this irregularity of attendance? The complaint is sometimes made that the teacher fails to interest the children; but unless the children are constantly in their places we can hardly expect them to be interested or very much benefited.

No text book on physiology has been adopted, teaching the effects of stimulants and narcotics, as the law requires, none having been examined that it was thought best to adopt.

The subject has received attention in the schools the past year, and has been taught by topics given out by the teacher, the information having been obtained from different sources and committed to writing by the pupils, and I think they have obtained as much knowledge upon this subject as they would from the study of a text book.

A text book upon the supject will be recommended in due time.

The Duntonian system of duplex copy books has been introduced, as they possess certain features which are an improvement on the old style copy book, and of advantage to the student of penmanship.

Of the eight teachers employed, only one taught for the first time.

After a year's absence, the Grammar School was again taught by Mrs. L. B. Wright, who maintained her former reputation as a teacher, good progress being made in all branches.

This was the second year of Miss Cora F. Butler's instruction in the North Primary. Good order and discipline were maintained, and the closing examinations were satisfactory, and reflected much credit on both teacher and scholar.

The South Primary was taught by Miss Edith L. Aldrich. Good progress was made. The teacher labored earnestly for the good of the school, and the recitations were good.

The school in District No. 2 was taught by Miss Anna L. Brooks of Fitzwilliam. The deportment for both terms was good, and examination showed good improvement in all studies.

The Summer term in District No. 3 was taught by Miss Annie W. Hurlbutt, and fair progress was made.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Hattie J. Collins of Keene, and was an example of short lessons well committed. The scholars did not go over as much ground as we might expect in a term of twelve weeks, but it was evident what they learned was learned well.

District No. 3, Summer term, was taught by Miss Henrietta

M. Wright of Royalston, who taught the school last year, and our remarks then will apply now.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Ida A. Merrill, a graduate of a normal school. She possessed ample qualifications for teaching. She failed however in gaining the esteem and confidence of a majority of the scholars, and therefore the term was not as profitable as it otherwise would have been. The scholars present examination day recited very creditably.

Of the 163 scholars nine have not been absent or tardy during the year, and constitute the following

ROLL OF HONOR.—Farrar, Leonard H.; Foster, Cornelius; Jarvis, Annie J.; Merrifield, Lulu A.; Merrifield, Lena S.; Starkey, John H.; Starkey, Lena M.; Starkey, Leonard; Whitcomb, Nettie J.

M. T. STONE,
Supt. School Committee.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Number of District.	TERMS.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Wages per month, including board.	No. of weeks' school.	No. of scholars.	Average daily attendance.	No. of scholars not absent.	No. of scholars attending not less than two weeks during the year.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Other studies.
No. 1 G. D.	Summer,	Mrs. L. B. Wright,	$48	10	20	18	4		20	20	10	20	14	15		20	9
" "	Fall,	" " "	48	10	32	27	5	37	32	32	10	32	14	15	2	32	19
" "	Winter,	" " "	52	6	28	25	4		17	28	28	16	12		6		15
" N. P. D.	Summer,	Miss Cora F. Butler,	32	9.6	36	30	6		36	36	36	36	18	5			
" "	Fall,	" " "	32	10	29	27	6	35	29	29	29	29	14	4			
" "	Winter,	" " "	32	4	22	21	9		22	22	22	22	11	3			
" S. P. D.	Summer,	Miss Edith L. Aldrich,	32	9.6	35	31	5		35	35	19	24	11	13			
" "	Fall,	" " "	32	10	37	32	12	44	38	38	26	24	14	15		15	
" "	Winter,	" " "	32	4	27	26	16		29	29	23	20	11	12		12	
No. 2,	Summer,	Miss Anna L. Brooks,	20	5.4	9	8	6		9	8	8	8	5	3			
"	Winter,	" " "	20	12	10	8	2	10	10	9	9	9	5	3			
No. 3,	Summer,	Miss Annie W. Hurlbutt,	20	9	14	13	9		14	12	10	11	10	4			2
"	Winter,	Miss Hattie J. Collins,	24	12	13	12	5	16	13	13	11	13	11	6			2
No. 4,	Summer,	Miss Henrietta M. Wright,	26	10	15	13	6		15	15	10	15	7	5	1		
"	Fall,	Miss Ida A. Merrill,	26	10	21	15	1	21	17	19	17	21	11	6	3		

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We, the subscribers, Selectmen of Troy, submit the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1885:

AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE SEVERAL HIGHWAY DISTRICTS,

FOR THE REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

District No.	1,	Alanson Starkey, surveyor,	$42 51
"	2,	Franklin Whitcomb, "	23 68
"	3,	Selectmen, "	29 58
"	4,	Hamilton Parker, "	49 49
"	5,	Joseph Haskell, "	54 27
"	6,	Alva S. Clark, "	45 77
"	7,	Luke C. Clark, "	20 74
"	8,	Selectmen, "	22 84
"	9,	James W. Woodward, "	22 20
"	10,	George H. Congdon, "	52 07
"	11,	Joseph E. Lawrence, "	53 72
"	12,	Luther Whittemore, "	21 11
"	13,	John H. Congdon, "	20 49
			$458 47

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR SCHOOLS,

IN THE YEAR 1884.

Assessed for the year 1884,	$1,075 00
Interest on school fund note,	24 00
Literary fund from the State,	99 68
Railroad tax,	1 32
	$1,200 00

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1884.

District No. 1,		$826 02
" 2, Amount appropriated,	$80 84	
Due from 1883, not expended,	10 30	91 14
" 3, Amount appropriated,	143 83	
Due from 1883, not expended,	23 06	166 89
" 4,		144 09
Herbert E. Wilder, school tax paid in Fitzwilliam,		5 22
		$1,233 36

AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED.

District No. 1, James L. Stanley,	$826 02
" 2, Charles D. Clark,	91 14
" 3, Simeon Merrifield,	128 00
" 4, William N. Watson,	144 09
	$1,189 25

Districts No. 1, 2 and 4 have drawn appropriations in full.

Due District No. 3,	$38 89	
" Herbert E. Wilder, school tax,	5 22	not paid.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

State tax paid,	$884 00
County "	664 40
	$1,548 40

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

George W. Mason, wood and cutting same,	$ 2 75
A. P. Mahon, services engine men,	120 00
" " " 83 hours at G. Starkey's, @ .25,	20 75
" " " 6 hours in Cemetery, @ .25,	1 50
" " " 116 hours in Fitzwilliam,	29 00
" " of stewards,	16 00
Troy Blanket Mills, drawing engine to fire in Fitzwilliam,	10 00
	$200 00

COUNTY POOR.

A. G. Lawrence, conveying Jones children to county farm,	$5 62
George Green, car fare of self and child to Lowell,	2 85
Charles D. Farrar, house rent for J. Pippen,	8 00
A. G. Lawrence, car fare and expenses Fred Parmenter to So. Acton,	2 00
Gregory Lawrence, wood for J. Pippen,	13 00
M. T. Stone, medical attendance for Pippen family,	5 75
L. W. Brown, meat for Joseph Pippen,	8 95
" " Frank Ubare,	32
E. P. Kimball & Son, goods to W. H. Bosworth,	4 00
Charles W. Whitney, goods to Joseph Pippen,	56 95
" " " B. F. Capron,	4 97
" " " Frank Ubare,	1 11
Entertaining 31 transient paupers,	11 62
	$125 14

TOWN POOR.

M. T. Stone, medical attendance on H. Lawrence,	$ 3 00
John T. Leonardson, board, nursing and clothing,	80 00
N. H. Asylum, medical treatment for J. F. Capron,	80 91
A. G. Lawrence, car fare and expenses of J. F. Capron and self from Concord,	9 70
Edmund Bemis, entertaining Parker Lakin,	75
State Industrial School, care of Ceylon C. Lang,	27 21
	$201 57

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Gregory Lawrence, stone furnished on bridge near W. Knight,	$31 87
A. G. Lawrence, overwork on highway, Dist. No. 3,	11 39
Levi A. Fuller, bridge plank,	62 34
A. G. Lawrence, work on bridge,	2 87
E. P. Kimball & Sons, work on road,	1 65
" " spikes furnished,	1 12
James C. Parker, work on highways and sluice,	5 92
A. G. Lawrence, repairing road scraper,	1 75
Gregory Lawrence, stringers for Cobb bridge,	2 00

A. G. Lawrence, work and cash paid for working on Cobb bridge,	$3 00
A. Bouter, work on highway,	1 00
C. M. Barnard, oak lumber used near C. W. Brown's,	1 62
John T. Leonardson, work on highway, Dist. No. 4,	2 25
Edmund Bemis, work on causeway near B. F. Fox,	25 78
" paid A. F. Haskins for drawing bridge plank,	50
" overwork on highway, 1883,	2 06
Joseph Haskell, work in District No. 5,	6 54
Luther Whittemore, overwork in Dist. No. 12,	10 43
Edwin Buttrick, work in Dist. No. 4,	1 85
Alanson Starkey, bridge railing,	7 11
" Work railing road,	2 00
" Cash paid for gravel,	4 40
James C. Parker, work on highway,	45
John Lang, work in Dist. No. 5,	90
Troy Blanket Mills, labor and material on highway,	11 46
Hamilton Parker, overwork in Dist. No. 4,	2 32
C. M. Barnard, watering trough,	4 50
	$209 08

BREAKING ROADS.

James W. Woodward,	1883-4,	$8 82
Eri J. Spaulding,	"	5 77
Leonard H. Merrifield,	"	5 10
David P. Lowe,	1882-3,	2 50
Edmund Bemis,	1883-4,	9 22
Joseph Haskell,	"	5 08
John R. Dean,	1885,	7 75
Elmer E. Ward,	"	1 50
Luther Whittemore,	1884-5,	10 60
Samuel Mortimer,	1885,	1 80
A. G. Lawrence, paid for same,	"	14 41
E. P. Kimball & Sons,	"	90
Hamilton Parker,	1884-5,	23 17
John Jarvis,	1885,	1 95
Daniel Casey,	"	1 12
Joseph E. Lawrence,	1883-4-5,	19 50
		$119 19

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Charles W. Brown,	over-assessment,		$8 32
William Webster,	poll tax,	1881,	1 39
Henry Whitcomb,	"	"	1 39
Houghton Lawrence,	"	1882,	1 41
James Murray,	"	"	1 41
Seaver,	"	"	1 41
William Webster,	"	"	1 41
A. F. Barber,	"	1883,	1 33
Farwell O. Cobb,	dog tax,	" no dog,	1 00
Linus Dickerson,	poll tax,	"	1 33
Lowell M. Holt,	"	"	1 33
Houghton Lawrence,	"	"	1 33
Gotwold Lang,	"	"	1 33
John Leahy,	"	"	1 33
Byron O. Marvin,	"	"	1 33
James Murray,	"	"	1 33
Peter Marion,	"	"	1 33
Fred Newton,	"	"	1 33
Frank Robbins,	"	"	1 33
John Smith,	"	"	1 33
William Webster,		"	1 75
Dennis Willard,	poll tax,	"	1 33
			$36 78

SUNDRY TOWN BILLS PAID.

James W. Woodward, sheep killed by dogs,	$11 00
Whittemore & Co., printing reports,	13 00
James C. Parker, car fare and expenses to Keene twice,	2 00
" " telephoning,	90
H. F. Grout, blacksmithing,	50
James C. Parker, 5 court seals,	1 25
" " dinner while taking invoice,	25
" " car fare of county paupers,	70
M. T. Stone, recording 53 births and deaths,	13 25
A. G. Lawrence, constables' badges,	3 25
" stationery,	1 00
Asa C. Dort, appointment book for the town clerk,	5 25
E. P. Kimball & Sons, stationery,	3 98
Edmund Bemis, bounty on woodchucks,	5 70

James C. Parker, bounty on woodchucks,	$11 70
A. G. Lawrence, " "	6 50
Alva S. Clark, printing tax bills,	1 45
" " " postals,	1 05
" " " envelopes and postage,	36
W. H. Spalter & Co., invoice and surveyor's books, etc.,	3 08
Franklin Ripley, recording births and deaths,	6 00
John W. Metcalf, dinners for selectmen while making taxes and report,	12 75
A. G. Lawrence, car fare and expenses to Keene twice,	2 25
Edmund Bemis, dinners and car fare and expenses to Keene,	1 85
James C. Parker, car fare and expenses to Keene twice,	1 30
A. G. Lawrence, lock for the lockup,	1 00
Knowlton & Stone, rope for town hall bell,	2 00
Ezekiel Starkey, teams for selectmen,	6 00
C. W. Whitney, school book for Fred Pooler,	87
James C. Parker, car fare and expenses to Keene,	1 05
C. W. Abbott, dinners for selectmen while making report,	4 90
A. G. Lawrence, car fare and expenses to Keene,	1 55
E. P. Kimball & Sons, stationery,	1 22
Postage,	30
	$129 21

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS PAID.

Edmund Bemis, services as 1st selectman, 1883,	$53 00
James C. Parker, " 2d " "	42 75
A. G. Lawrence, " 3d " "	42 75
Asa C. Dort, " treasurer, "	20 00
Franklin Ripley, " town clerk, "	20 00
Alva S. Clark, " collector, "	60 00
" " " " in part, 1884,	30 00
William N. Watson, services as supervisor, "	6 00
Edwin Buttrick, " " "	5 00
Warren W. Kimball, " " "	3 00
Melvin T. Stone, supt. school committee, "	24 60
Mrs. James L. Stanley, town librarian, 1883,	5 00
Charles W. Whitney, Jr., auditor, 1884,	2 00
James L. Stanley, sexton, "	30 00
	$344 10

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Maria Wheeler, note and interest,	$317 78
Mary A. Blodgett, interest on 2 notes,	90 00
Simeon Merrifield, note and interest,	102 00
Mary A. Blodgett, " "	1,016 50
" " endorsement on note,	600 00
Interest on school fund note,	24 00
	$2,150 28

RECAPITULATION.

Schools,	$1,189 25
State and County taxes,	1,548 40
Fire department,	200 00
County poor,	125 14
Town poor,	201 57
Highways and bridges,	209 08
Breaking roads,	119 19
Abatement of taxes,	36 78
Sundry town bills paid,	129 21
Town officers,	344 10
Notes and interest,	2,150 28
	$6,253 00

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

1884.	ASA C. DORT, Town Treasurer.		Dr.
March 2,	Taxes in hands of A. S. Cook, coll., 1881,		$ 8 00
"	" " " " 1882,		110 96
"	" " " " 1883,		1,047 00
School fund note,			400 00
One note signed O. C. Whitcomb,			70 00
Cash in treasury,			222 57
April 9th,	received county, for support of paupers,		140 22
" 29th,	taxes assessed for the year 1884:		
State tax,		$884 00	
County tax,		664 40	
Town charges,		1,200 00	
For schooling,		1,075 00	
Special highway tax,		30 53	
Non-resident highway tax,		230 24	
Dog tax,		50 00	
Taxes run above the sum voted,		106 20	4,240 37
Leason Martin, use of derrick,			3 37
June 21,	borrowed of Simeon Merrifield,		100 00
Oct. 27,	" Joseph Haskell,		100 00
State treasurer,	railroad tax,		110 21
" "	savings bank tax,		1,200 50
" "	literary fund,		99 68
" "	bounty on wild animals,		8 40
Franklin Ripley, town clerk,	billiard license,		19 00
J. C. Parker and A. G. Lawrence, one-half of Charles Haskell fine,			25 00
James L. Stanley, use of school-room,			20 00
Interest on school fund note,			24 00

E. P. Kimball, use of hay scales,	$23 10
William A. Harris, cemetery committee,	58 25
Selectmen of Fitzwilliam, services of firemen at G. Bemis' fire,	14 50
James R. Stanley, use of town hall,	11 10
	$8,056 78

1885. ASA C. DORT, Town Treasurer. CR.

Feb. 28, By taxes in the hands A. S. Clark, coll.	1881,	$ 1 39
" " "	1882,	15 99
" " "	1883,	50 55
" " "	1884,	1,017 39
School fund note,		400 00
Payment of 115 orders of selectmen,		6,253 00
Cash in treasury,		318 46
		$8,056 78

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Mary A. Blodgett, note and interest,	$403 00
Joseph Haskell, " "	162 00
School fund note,	400 00
Alva S. Clark, collecting taxes, 1884,	45 00
Selectmen, "	174 25
District No. 3,	38 89
Herbert E. Wilder, school money in Fitzwilliam,	5 22
Batchelder & Faulkner, retainer,	6 00
Asa C. Dort, services as town treasurer, 1884,	20 00
Franklin Ripley, " " clerk, "	20 00
	$1,214 36

ASSETS OF THE TOWN NOT AVAILABLE.

Due from the United States,	$1,386 00
Value of hay scales,	300 00
Town meadow,	10 00
Town derrick,	150 00
Patent road scraper,	30 00
	$1,876 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Taxes in hands of A. S. Clark, collector, 1881,	$ 1 39
" " " " 1882,	15 00
" " " " 1883,	50 55
" " " " 1884,	1,017 39
Cash in the treasury,	318 46
Due from A. B. Gates for use of derrick,	12 00
From the county,	123 65
	$1,539 43
Total liabilities of the town March, 1st, 1885,	1,214 36
Surplus in treasury after paying all indebtedness,	$325 07

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDMUND BEMIS,
JAMES C. PARKER,
ALFRED G. LAWRENCE,
Selectmen of Troy.

I hereby certify that I have this 28th day of February, 1885, carefully examined and compared the reports of the selectmen and treasurer of the town of Troy and find them correctly cast, with the proper vouchers.

C. W. BROWN, *Auditor.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Firewards respectfully submit the following report:

The engine and apparatus has been kept in good working order. The firemen are always ready to respond to an alarm. There is a good feeling in the company, and they have raised $150 to procure a suitable uniform. They need $50 more, which the town might with propriety give them.

We have had but two alarms of fire: one George Starkey's slaughter house, the other out of town.

The property in this department would invoice about the same as last year.

For expenses of this department, see Selectmen's report.

Respectfully,

C. W. WHITNEY,
C. D. FARRAR,
ASA C. DORT,
GEORGE BROWN,
Firewards.